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For: TECHNIQUE AND
APPARATUS FOR
PROCESSING
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OF DATA IN A NETWORK
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please cancel claims 8-12, 21-25 and 27 without prejudice and amend the claims in accordance with the following CLAIM AMENDMENTS section; and consider the comments in the following REMARKS section.

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